GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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TREATMENT FOR CERVICAL CANCER
BHUPENDRASINH PRABHATSINH SOLANKI;RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Cervical cancer patients have few places for treatment` appearing in the `The Hindustan Times` dated July 18, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospitals are refusing patients who are coming for cervical cancer treatment; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to provide treatment to cervical cancer patients?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(C): The treatment of Cervical Cancer is being carried out in various hospitals in Delhi including All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Safdarjang Hospital.

All the cervical cancer patients requiring surgery &/or Chemotherapy are being treated at AIIMS except those who require treatment from Selectron Brachtherapy due to ongoing construction activities.

The Safdarjang Hospital does not refuse treatment of patients coming for cervical cancer treatment.Most of the early stage cancers are being tsreated by surgery. Advanced cases where Brachytherapy treatment is not possible are treated with external radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

(d): Most of the equipments in the IRCH(AIIMS) are functional and are used for treatment ;of cervical cancer patientsThe Brachytherapy system is non-functional due to ongoing construction activities of IRCH expansion project which is likely to be completed soon. Details of Government facilities for cancer treatment in Delhi are annexed at Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE-I

Details of Government facilities for Cancer Treatment in Delhi

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi

2. Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Hospital, New Delhi

3. Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi

4. Army Hospital, Delhi Cantonment, New Delhi

5. Institute of Rotary Cancer Hospital, New Delhi
6. Super Speciality Hospital, Indian Air Force, Subroto Park, New Delhi.